

Table 36. Number, percent distribution, and average length of stay for newborn infants discharged from short-stay hospitals by sex, geographic region, and health status: United States, 1997

[Discharges of inpatients from non-Federal hospitals]

Sex, region, and health status	Discharges		Average length of stay in days
	Number in thousands	Percent distribution	
All newborn infants	3,790	100.0	2.9
Sex			
Male	1,931	51.0	3.0
Female	1,859	49.0	2.9
Region			
Northeast	605	16.0	3.5
Midwest	851	22.4	2.7
South	1,423	37.6	3.0
West	911	24.0	2.7
Health status			
Well ¹	2,326	61.4	1.8
Male	1,128	29.8	1.8
Female	1,198	31.6	1.8
Sick ²	1,464	38.6	4.7
Male	803	21.2	4.6
Female	661	17.4	5.0

¹Without any illness or risk-related diagnoses.²With at least one illness or risk-related diagnosis, *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* codes 001–999.**Table 37. Number and percent distribution of newborn infants discharged from short-stay hospitals by length of stay, and average length of stay by health status: United States, selected years 1980–97**

Length of stay and health status	1980	1985	1990	1995	1997
Length of stay					
All newborn infants	3,824	3,794	3,869	3,631	3,790
Less than 1 day	69	84	79	87	68
1 day	270	428	693	1,523	1,158
2 days	842	1,057	1,624	1,145	1,635
3 days	1,175	1,034	636	486	501
4 days	618	528	447	134	164
5–7 days	633	497	232	106	106
8 days or more	218	167	157	149	158
Number in thousands					
All newborn infants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 day	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.4	1.8
1 day	7.1	11.3	17.9	41.9	30.6
2 days	22.0	27.9	42.0	31.5	43.2
3 days	30.7	27.3	16.4	13.4	13.2
4 days	16.2	13.9	11.6	3.7	4.3
5–7 days	16.5	13.1	6.0	2.9	2.8
8 days or more	5.7	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2
Percent distribution					
All newborn infants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 day	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.4	1.8
1 day	7.1	11.3	17.9	41.9	30.6
2 days	22.0	27.9	42.0	31.5	43.2
3 days	30.7	27.3	16.4	13.4	13.2
4 days	16.2	13.9	11.6	3.7	4.3
5–7 days	16.5	13.1	6.0	2.9	2.8
8 days or more	5.7	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2
Health status					
All newborn infants	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.9
Well ¹	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.7	1.8
Sick ²	7.1	5.7	4.8	4.4	4.7
Average length of stay in days					

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